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Attached hereto is a copy of the second Official Action along with a translation thereof issued by the Japanese Patent Office in the counterpart Japanese application. The enclosed Official Action cites three Japanese references. Copies of these three Japanese references were previously submitted with the IDS dated September 11, 2003. The three Japanese references are in a foreign language. However, a concise explanation is not required because these non-English citations

were cited in the first and second Japanese Office Action and in such a situation requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by submitting an English translation version of the Japanese Patent Office Action. Such English language version of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed herewith and an English language version of the first Official Action was previously

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